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In re Application of :
Kia Silverbrook :
Application No. 10/728,970 :
Filed: December 8, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. **MTB07US** :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed January 23, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C §120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed non-provisional application set forth in the amendment filed concurrently with the instant petition.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on, or after, November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

1. the reference required by 35 U.S.C § 120 and 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
2. the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t), and
3. a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant pending application was filed on December 8, 2003, and was pending at the time of the filing of the instant petition. A reference to the prior-filed nonprovisional application has been included in an amendment to the first page of the specification, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(iii).

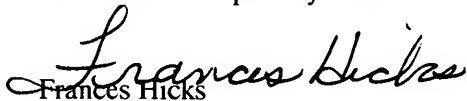
The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed application is submitted after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Also, the reference to the prior filed application was submitted during the pendency of the instant nonprovisional application for which the claim for benefit of priority is sought. See 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed non-provisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3222.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 2800, Art Unit 2861 for appropriate action on the amendment filed January 23, 2006, including consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to the prior-filed non-provisional application.


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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Assignment For Published Patent Application

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Power of Attorney: None

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/160,273 06/04/2002 PAT 6,746,105
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Foreign Applications

Acceptable Request to Retrieve Priority Application Received?

AUSTRALIA PP2592 03/25/1998
 AUSTRALIA PO7991 07/15/1997

NO
 NO

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 03/12/2004

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Ink jet printhead with amorphous ceramic chamber

Preliminary Class

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